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BYSIEWICZ: MORE THAN 134,000 CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN OCTOBER

YOUNG PEOPLE SWELL ROLLS; VOTER TURNOUT COULD REACH AS HIGH AS 90%

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz, is announcing that record numbers of Connecticut citizens have registered to vote. Bysiewicz is also urging Connecticut residents to be prepared when they head to the polls.

“On Election Day we could see massive numbers of Connecticut residents head to the polls,” said Bysiewicz. “I am urging all voters to be prepared. Voters should make sure they have proper identification and know the location of their polling place. Of course, anytime we approach record voter turnout voters should leave plenty of time to vote.”

Secretary Bysiewicz is encouraging voters to visit www.vote-ez-ct.com to learn more about acceptable forms of identification or to help locate their polling place. If you are a first-time voter who registered by mail on or after January 1, 2003, and you have to vote in person you must present to the checkers either a current and valid photo identification that shows your name and address; or present a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

A surge in new voter registrations has pushed the total number of registered voters in Connecticut to over 2,097,000 –the highest such figures in state history. Specifically, since January 1st of this year, nearly 300,827 Connecticut residents have become newly

registered voters. Of those, 122,006 new voters have registered as Democrats, 38,693 have registered as Republicans and 138,088 are unaffiliated voters.

In October, more than 134,000 new voters have registered for the November general election. The total number of registered voters in Connecticut is 2,097,635. The largest group of registered voters in Connecticut is unaffiliated, accounting for 883,274 voters. There are 779,784 registered Democrats and 427,020 registered Republicans.

(See complete list below)

2008 may well be remembered as the year of the young voter. Since January 1st, some 130,197 young people have become newly registered voters. Of those new younger voters, 53,375 have registered as Democrats, 13,666 have registered with the Republican Party and 62,198 who have signed up as unaffiliated. **(See Charts Below)**

“When it comes to voter registration in Connecticut this year has been like no other one in my tenure as Secretary of the State,” said Bysiewicz. “The incredible interest in this year’s election is reflected in the voter registration numbers. It is truly inspiring to see so many 18 year olds and 80 year olds registering to vote for the first time. Connecticut’s voters are ready, now it’s time to vote, vote, vote!”

TOTAL ACTIVE VOTER

PARTY	COUNT
A Better Future	3
A Connecticut Party	50
A Sentinel Party	35
Concerned Citizens	263
Connecticut For Lieberman	60
Democratic	779,784
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	20
Green	19,706
Independence	1,697
Independence For Montville	10
Independent	2,340
Libertarian	987
Norwich for Change	1
Orange Taxpayers	8
Pro-Bethel	5
Reform	106
Republican	427,020
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	883,274
Waterford Independent	1
Winsted Independent	44
Working Families	17
Working Families Party	1
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	2,097,635

TOTAL NEW VOTERS REGISTERED SINCE 01/01/08

PARTY	COUNT
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A Connecticut Party	1
Concerned Citizens	5
Connecticut For Lieberman	39
Democratic	122,006
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	315
Independence	743
Independent	660
Libertarian	239
Reform	27
Republican	38,693
Unaffiliated	138,088
Winsted Independent	2
Working Families	7
Working Families Party	1
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	300,827

NEW VOTERS AGE 18 TO 29 REGISTERED SINCE 01/01/08

PARTY	COUNT
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A Connecticut Party	1
Concerned Citizens	1
Connecticut For Lieberman	18
Democratic	53,375
Green	178
Independence	318
Independent	291
Libertarian	137
Reform	10
Republican	13,666
Unaffiliated	62,198
Winsted Independent	1
Working Families	2
Working Families Party	1
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	130,197

ACTIVE VOTERS BY CONGRESSIONAL PARTY

1 st Congressional PARTY	COUNT
A Connecticut Party	6
Concerned Citizens	21
Connecticut For Lieberman	35
Democratic	184,122
Green	305
Independence	42
Independent	228
Libertarian	157
Reform	7
Republican	71,062
Unaffiliated	159,715
Winsted Independent	44
Working Families	12

	415,756

2nd Congressional PARTY	COUNT
A Connecticut Party	11
A Sentinel Party	35
Concerned Citizens	12
Connecticut For Lieberman	3
Democratic	141,388
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	521
Independence	298
Independence For Montville	10
Libertarian	280
Norwich for Change	1
Reform	11
Republican	92,003
Unaffiliated	205,507
Waterford Independent	1
Working Families	3

	440,087

3 rd Congressional PARTY	COUNT
A Better Future	3
A Connecticut Party	6
Concerned Citizens	23

Connecticut For Lieberman	7
Democratic	171,806
Friends Of Saybrook	11
Green	447
Independence	369
Independent	287
Libertarian	128
Reform	42
Republican	64,891
Unaffiliated	179,997
Working Families	1

	418,018

4 th Congressional	
PARTY	COUNT
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A Connecticut Party	23
Concerned Citizens	12
Connecticut For Lieberman	7
Democratic	146,140
Friends Of Saybrook	4
Green	283
Independence	835
Independent	926
Libertarian	244
Orange Taxpayers	8
Reform	36
Republican	103,369
Unaffiliated	157,074

	408,961

5 th Congressional	
PARTY	COUNT
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A Connecticut Party	4
Concerned Citizens	195
Connecticut For Lieberman	8
Democratic	136,350
Friends Of Saybrook	3
Green	350
Independence	153
Independent	901
Libertarian	178
Pro-Bethel	5
Reform	10
Republican	95,694
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	181,014
Working Families	1
Working Families Party	1

	414,868

NEW VOTERS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AS OF 01/01/08

1 st Congressional PARTY	COUNT
Connecticut For Lieberman	27
Democratic	28,867
Green	68
Independence	1
Independent	65
Libertarian	41
Reform	2
Republican	6,748
Unaffiliated	26,359
Winsted Independent	2
Working Families	4

	62,184

2 nd Congressional PARTY	COUNT
Connecticut For Lieberman	1
Democratic	19,730
Green	83
Independence	134
Libertarian	66
Reform	7
Republican	8,574
Unaffiliated	30,678
Working Families	2

	59,275

3 rd Congressional PARTY	COUNT
Concerned Citizens	1
Connecticut For Lieberman	4
Democratic	27,899
Green	60
Independence	201
Independent	101
Libertarian	31
Reform	2
Republican	6,212
Unaffiliated	27,915

	62,426

4 th Congressional PARTY	COUNT
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A Connecticut Party	1
Concerned Citizens	3
Connecticut For Lieberman	3
Democratic	25,715
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	44
Independence	386
Independent	201
Libertarian	65
Reform	16
Republican	9,131
Unaffiliated	27,597

	63,163

5 th Congressional PARTY	COUNT
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Concerned Citizens	1
Connecticut For Lieberman	4
Democratic	19,836
Green	60
Independence	21
Independent	295
Libertarian	36
Republican	8,033
Unaffiliated	25,600
Working Families	1
Working Families Party	1

	53,888

Monthly Voter Registration Totals

JAN	22,404	MAY	14,435	SEP	43,243
FEB	19,603	JUN	12,916	OCT	134,502
MAR	8,784	JUL	17,280		
APR	9,903	AUG	18,840		